

Question #4 submitted by committee member Lott:

4) It is mentioned in the application there are 60 hours of continuing education in a four year period. Are there specific courses required? Can they all be obtained on line or must they attend lectures? Are there testing modalities to assure competency?

The Continuing Education Policies for the CST and CSFA from the Association of Surgical Technologists have been submitted for your reference. Continuing education credits must be approved by the Association of Surgical Technologists and must be relevant to the medical-surgical practice of surgical technology or surgical first assisting. Specific courses are not required. Continuing education credits can be obtained through the following methods; healthcare facility sponsored in-services; attending AST approved non-profit organization programs/workshops; writing for healthcare-related publications; instruction of health professionals; college credit; lecture; clinical demonstration; and completion of enduring material activities including online courses and journal articles. Some activities require testing modalities upon completion while others simply provide the attendee with a certificate of attendance upon completion. The Nebraska State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists provides 2 workshops per year which provide attendees with 6 continuing education credits each.